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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  
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Serial No.: 09/719,946

Filed: December 15, 2000

For: MEDICAMENTS CONTAINING  
BISPHOSPHONIC ACIDS AND  
DERIVATIVES THEREOF WHICH  
ARE PROVIDED FOR PREVENTING  
AND TREATING AUTOIMMUNE  
DISEASES AND ALLERGIES

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 9, 2002**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The present paper is submitted as a complete response to the Office Action mailed May 9, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response of one month, which expired on June 9, 2002. The present paper is timely filed since this paper is being filed together with a Request for Extension of Time of one month to respond to the Office Action. Should any further fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.21 be deemed necessary for the filing of the present document, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct such fees from Deposit Account No. 08-1394.